

Pay Taxes Once A Month Drastic But Impressive

—Paul Harvey

Nothing withheld from your paycheck this week. Nothing withheld from your paycheck next week. Or the next week after.

But the last week of this month you will receive no pay at all. Your entire check one out of each month will be sent directly to the government.

Your withholding taxes will be paid in one chunk, instead of in weekly dribbles.

Several companies across the United States have instituted this "once a month withholding" and they report up to 75 percent savings in bookkeeping costs.

The idea was initiated by President A. K. Summers of Premier Photo Service, Inc., Parkersburg, W. Va., more than two years ago.

Originally, Summers' purpose was to dramatize for his employees the tremendous cost of all these "free" government services.

A \$70 a week employee discovered that on the fourth week she not only did not draw any pay, but actually owed the government an additional \$4.75. That hurt!

"Most of our employees," says Summers, "now realize that all this government spending is coming out of their pockets."

After a few paydayless weeks, employees begin to see through the politicians' promises of "free" medicine and "free" unemployment benefits and "free" old age insurance.

Suddenly it's painfully apparent that none of this is "free."

In February of this year, because of the increasing acceptance of this plan by employers across the nation, the Internal Revenue Service advised Premier that it is not collecting the withholding tax in accordance with regulations, and the IRS threatened legal action.

Presently Premier is countersuing the IRS for "harassment."

I doubt the IRS wants to pursue this test case all the way to the Supreme Court, though Summer says he is willing.

Tax-consciousness is a mote in a voter's eye during an election year.

And this way of withholding is like dieting by tying a knot in your neck.

But it is interesting to note the attitude of Internal Revenue Commissioners once they are out of office. Almost unanimously they have criticized our tax structure and our cumbersome and inequitable tax-collection machinery.

Ex-Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews writes: "The idea of once-a-month withholding strikes me as an excellent means of bringing home, vividly, to the working people of America, what a terrible and unnecessary burden of taxation has been loaded on them."

Former President Eisenhower writes, "I am in no position to pass on the legality of the procedure, but the device you are using in your business appeals to me as worthy of emulation by every businessman."

Legality of Once-A-Month Withholding

By Laurence C. Smith

Any discussion of whether or not it is "legal" to withhold wages once-a-month or once-a-quarter must be reviewed in the frame of the total illegality of the Withholding tax law. "Two or more wrongs don't make a right." In the more specific words of CPA Bernard N. Ward, author of MAN TO MAN, the book with the subtitle "A Primary Attack on Communism's Stronghold—the Income Tax:"

"... the income-tax law is so complex that neither the taxpayer, his counsel, the officials of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, nor the judges of the nation's courts understand it..."

Mr. Ward spends some 350 pages documenting his contention that the income tax is fraudulent, inequitable, immoral, and has in fact reduced our country to financial chaos

and made slaves of, and corrupted, our people. In the foreward, Arthur Kinnane says:

"Here for the first time lies the income tax, dehorned, debunked, and dissected, in full view of its erstwhile victims."

"Can legal interpretations of administrative codes be valid if such fundamental issues as determining the amount of income subjected to tax is insoluble?" Mr. Ward says:

"There is now no remote possibility of agreement in many cases as to finding the amount of taxable income."

"The same methods of settlement of tax disputes are being followed to-day and are accomplishing the same results—a compromise of tax liability based not upon what is correct but upon what is feasible from a practical view."

"... Government officers are not vicious men. They are products of the system. A system that rewards, in prestige and salary, the agent who finds a basis for asserting higher taxes. If we think there is gold in them thar hills, let's see if we can't dig it out."

"... the sole question was, how much the taxpayer would pay."

One step further. Read the "Declaration of Freedom from Slavery under the Withholding Tax Law." You don't have to be a constitutional lawyer—virtually an extinct animal today—to realize that, conservatively, the withholding tax law violates a minimum of seven articles of the Constitution of the United States of America which every public officer from President through Congress down swears on a Bible to uphold. That's probably what is in back of the move to outlaw the Bible (take them out of the schools and place them in motels). Even in these days of Internationalists, there is still a lingering respect and even fear of those of us who still believe in our Constitution. As a result, no one wants to upset the applecart of Constitutionality. If there is a question in your mind on this score, Read Vivien Kellems inspirational book, TOIL, TAXES AND TROUBLES. There she reveals the extremes taken by responsible federal officials to avoid a Supreme Court test on the constitutionality of the Withholding Tax law. Mr. Ward warns (1952):

"Man, your country, our country, is in dire peril. Not from the atom bomb, not from an invasion by a foreign country, not from war or pestilence, but the security of ourselves, our children and our children's children is in dire peril from the growth of the system of income tax within our nation."

So within this frame of gross illegality, irreverence, immorality, hypocrisy, and fraud, let us see what could possibly be "illegal" about periodic, once-a-month, withholding.

So engrossed were the designers of this law in insuring proper arrangements to govern the receipt of the loot, that not too much attention was paid to the method of collection. Regulations concerning State collections vary, but the federal procedure is solid and unwavering. Once-a-month periodic withholding does not alter this procedure one iota. As far as your taxing authorities are concerned, they don't even know you have instituted a money-saving collection plan unless you tell them.

Vietnam Communists Win

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The New York Times reported on June 25 that Henry Cabot Lodge had urged Washington to bar Madame Nhu from the U.S.A. Attorney Robert Morris, who had been working to get Mme. Nhu's visa, charged on July 1, that President Johnson had made the decision to keep her out of the country (Hackensack N.J. Record, July 2, 1964). The State Department said on June 23, that the U.S. Embassy in Paris had denied a visa to Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu under a law barring entry of any person intent

on activities "prejudicial to the public interest."

Madame's Nhu's 18-year old daughter had also been denied a visa to enter the United States.

In a letter written to President Johnson on June 23, after being notified of her exclusion from the U.S.A., and after the Supreme Court ruled (June 22) on giving passports to Communists, Madame Nhu asked: "I would like to know how the United States government explains its claim to stand for truth and justice, and therefore against communism, while giving American Communists the right to passports and welcoming foreign Communists to your country, but refusing a visa to me, a loyal ally of the free world? If I am a danger, it is only to the people who must be exposed because they have betrayed not only my country and my people, but yours as well. It is rather they who endanger the welfare, safety or security of the United States and of the entire free world as well."

Mme. Nhu put it plainly when she stated: "What is happening in Vietnam is proof of how easy it is for communism to infiltrate, subvert, mislead and submerge the American ranks."

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